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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: ANNUAL REVIEW TALKS ON EXCHANGES

1. SOVIET EMBASSY CULTURAL COUNSELOR SAKOVICH MET WITH DEPARTMENT AND USIA OFFICERS OCTOBER 2 TO GET OUR IDEAS ON EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. SAKOVICH SAID SOVIETS PREPARED TO HOST TALKS END NOVEMBER OR FIRST PART OF DECEMBER.
2. DEPARTMENT UNDERTOOK TO RESPOND IN WEEK OR TEN DAYS TO SAKOVICH'S INQUIRIES REGARDING DATES AND LENGTH OF TALKS, AND NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WHILE INFORMALLY EXPRESSING PREFERENCE FOR EARLY DECEMBER INSTEAD OF LATE NOVEMBER. WE VERY TENTATIVELY SAID DECEMBER 2 MIGHT BE GOOD STARTING DATE, AND WOULD ANTICIPATE TALKS MIGHT LAST TWO DAYS, FOLLOWED BY VISITS TO SPECIFIC MINISTERIES, GOSKONTSERT, ETC. FOR COURTESY CALLS AND DISCUSSIONS OF PROGRAM DETAILS. WE ALSO RAISED POSSIBILITY SOME MEMBERS OF US GROUP MIGHT WISH VISIT OTHER CITIES SUCH AS LENINGRAD. WE TOLD SAKOVICH THAT POLANSKY (EUR/SOV), RICHMOND (CU/EE), HOFFMANN (USIA/IEE) AND EMBOFFS ARE LIKELY US PARTICIPANTS.
3. SAKOVICH INQUIRED WHETHER DEPARTMENT WISHED TO CONFINE REVIEW TALKS TO EXCHANGES IN EDUCATION AND CULTURE OR

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TO INCLUDE FULL GAMUT OF EXCHANGES (S&T, HEALTH,

AGRICULTURE, ETC.). HE SAID IT WOULD BE EASIER ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR SOVIET SIDE TO DISCUSS ONLY EDUCATION AND CULTURE PROGRAMS. WE PROMISED TO COMMUNICATE OUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER TO SAKOVICH, ALTHOUGH WE INDICATED THAT TALKS PROBABLY WOULD BE FOCUSED ON EDUCATION, EXHIBITS, PERFORMING ARTS, I.E., EXCHANGES AGREEMENT.

4. FIRM AGENDA NOT ESTABLISHED AT MEETING, BUT WE MENTIONED SEVERAL TOPICS OF INTEREST: LECTURER PROGRAM, SUMMER LANGUAGE PROGRAM, ART STUDENT EXCHANGE, EDUCATION DELEGATIONS, SEMINARS IN EDUCATION, EXCHANGES OF PRIMARY/SECONDARY TEACHERS, AND PLANS FOR EXHIBITIONS AND EXPANDED DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS. SAKOVICH SAID HE HOPES TO KNOW SOVIET PLANS FOR NEXT MAJOR EXHIBIT IN US BY TIME OF REVIEW TALKS. HE ALSO EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO TELL US THEN ABOUT OTHER CONCRETE PROGRAMS FOR 1975.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON DATES, AGENDA AND PARTICIPANTS FOR REVIEW TALKS BEFORE WE CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO SAKOVICH. KISSINGER

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